

I think that cutting this timber does very little good for the present generation of Americans and is a great disservice to future generations. It serves only the transient, selfish interests of the local lumber company. Therefore, I recommend strongly that the area be included in the Washakie Wilderness to prevent any temptation on the part of the Forest Service to allow timber cutting operations there.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. EMILY FLENDER.

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA,
February 28, 1968.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Public Lands Subcommittee,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIRs: Although my husband was recently transferred to Canada with an oil company, we are still U.S. citizens and vitally concerned with United States Affairs.

This letter is in regard to the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area classification. Wilderness is becoming so scarce in the U.S. I don't believe the proposed area is large enough for future need. Therefore I think it should be substantially increased by adding acreage around Whitewater Creek to the West; between Pamela & Minto Creek, along the Santian River and the Square Lake and Marion Lake regions.

Please include this letter in the Senate Hearings record of Senate Bill S 2751.

Sincerely,

Mrs. LOUIS J. FITZHUGH.

SALEM, OREG., February 20, 1968.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Public Lands Subcommittee,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: I wish to make the following comments regarding your study of the proposed Mount Jefferson Wilderness in Oregon.

My home is in Marion County in which much of this area is located. My family and I have traveled through most of the proposed area. During August of last year when we hiked the 366-mile Oregon Skyline Trail, we agreed that this part of the Cascades was one of three major scenic portions of our trip.

As a professional forester, I can also understand the concern of those who feel that more additions to the proposed area could do great harm to our state's economy. However, I am not certain that we can use our present-day standards of utilization and production to accurately forecast needs for the future.

I am pleased with the Forest Service proposal for the wilderness, but I would add the following recommendations:

(1) *Include the Square Lake area within the wilderness.* It would provide short trips for wilderness hikers. Excluded, it cannot stand the heavy use that development would bring since it is much smaller than nearby Suttle and Big Lakes.

(2) *Include the Marion Lake area within the wilderness.* If you accept one proposal to exclude motor boats on this lake, it would be a small additional price to include the lake. I have heard many complaints of motor bike traffic on the trail into the lake. It would truly be a beautiful destination for those wishing short hikes into a wilderness.

(3) *Reduce the heavy use of Jefferson Park by additional buffer land on the northwest corner of the wilderness.* I cannot agree with those who propose large-scale additions along the entire west side of the wilderness, but Jefferson Park does need additional protection. I have driven the Whitewater Creek Rd.; it should have never been extended so close to this already heavily-used portion of the wilderness.

Please include these comments in your official proceedings.

Very truly yours,

JAMES G. FISHER.